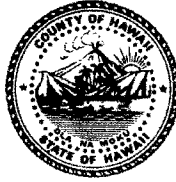


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September 11, 2018

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Office of Environmental Quality Control  
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**Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment/Anticipated Finding of  
No Significant Impact Notice (Joint NEPA/HEPA)  
Pāhala Community Large Capacity Cesspool Replacement Project  
Pā'au'au, Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i  
Tax Map Key (TMK): (3) 9-6-002:018**

Dear Mr. Glenn:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management (DEM) are issuing a joint Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) of the Proposed Pāhala Large Capacity Cesspool Replacement Project. With this letter DEM hereby transmits the subject DEA notice.

This DEA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA and Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations as well as the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA - Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 343) and implementing rules (Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200).

A Finding of No Significant Impact is anticipated for this project. The basis for this determination is set forth in Chapter 8 of the DEA which follows the significance criteria set forth in Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, State of Hawaii Department of Health Chapter 200, Environmental Impact Statement Rules, Section 12.

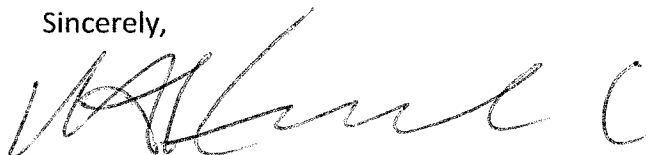
Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-200-9.1 and 11-200-11.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, we request that you publish notice of the DEA in the September 23, 2018 periodic

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bulletin (*The Environmental Notice*) for a 30-day public comment period. EPA and DEM are requesting all public comments be submitted to Wilson Okamoto Corporation.

Please contact Dora Beck, County of Hawai'i Wastewater Division Chief, at (808) 961-8513 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. A. Kucharski', followed by a large, stylized 'C'.

William A. Kucharski  
Director

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Enclosure

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